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Title)
) Thermal Shock Resistant Casting
) Element And Manufacturing
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the PCT application as shown on the attached sheets.

REMARKS

The claims have been amended to comply with U.S. practice. Original claims 1-9 have been deleted, and have been replaced with new claims 10-21, which correspond to original claims 1-9. The new claims eliminate multiple dependent and indefinite claims, and include antecedent basis for all claimed elements.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the amended claims conform to standard U.S. practice, and are now in condition for allowance. Applicants request consideration and allowance of the amended claims.